REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR 1849-'50.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 8, 1850.

The committee chosen to reckon and settle with Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement.....	$ 118 20
Cash received of Amos Heywood, Collector before Oct. 5, 1849.....	2,000 00
Amos Heywood, Collector before Dec. 5, 1849.....	414 71
Amos Heywood, Collector after Dec. 5, 1849.....	1,150 00
T. P. Wright, Collector for 1848.....	49 66
of the State School Fund.....	64 16
" Military money.....	136 50
" for State paupers.....	155 29
from the Overseers of the Poor.....	175 00
Solomon Nutting's note.....	213 50
borrowed of John Osgood.....	750 00
John Abbot.....	400 00
from all other sources.....	41 91
Amounting to the sum of.....	$5,668 93

PAYMENTS.

Paid Betsey Prescott, note and interest.....	$ 420 46
Placed to Cr. of several School Districts.....	1,058 95
Paid for 2 shares in Stony Brook Railroad.....	200 00
County tax.....	623 94
Orders.....	2,768 06
Interest on notes.....	65 20
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	533 32
Amounting to the sum of.....	$5,668 93

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following named persons on notes:

Amos Day	$104 67
Betsey Prescott	416 50
John Osgood	530 25
" "	360 50
" "	404 00
Jonathan F. Parker	289 43
John Abbot	315 00
Westford Academy	420 00
Amounting to the sum of	$2,840 35
Outstanding orders	51 86
" claims, estimated at	100 00
Due the several School Districts	1,021 56
Due Master of poor house	220 00
Amounting to the sum of	$4,233 77

RESOURCES.

School money due several School Districts	$1,021 56	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	533 32	
Five shares in Stony Brook Railroad	500 00	
Military money due from the State	245 50	
Due from T. P. Wright, Collector for 1848	5 53	
Dividend due on Stony Brook Railroad stock,	9 00	
Due from Amos Heywood, Collector	104 41	
Amounting to the sum of		2,416 32
Balance against the town		$1,817 45
Amount debt February, 1849		$1,771 62
" " " 1850		1,817 45
Debt increased		$45 83

JOHN B. FLETCHER,
SOLOMON RICHARDSON,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
Committee.

EPHRAIM WRIGHT, *Town Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual report of the town of Westford for the year ending Feb. 7, 1850:

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

C. L. Fletcher, viewing and laying out road on Snake Meadow Hill	$ 1	50
viewing and laying out road on Snake Meadow Hill	2	00
letting out and accepting road near J. Davis	2	00
viewing route for road on I. Keyes' petition		50
viewing route for road on E. Bunce's petition		50
Abijah Fletcher, damage for land taken to widen a road,	5	80
D. P. Lawrence, building and repairing 154½ rods of road near John Davis' house	139	05
building Beaver Brook bridge	95	00
extra work on said B. B. bridge	15	00
L. T. Fletcher, 62 hours work on the roads in 1847	7	75
46 hours work on the roads in 1848	5	75
60 feet of plank for a bridge in 1849	1	20
L. H. Hildreth, work on the roads in 1848 and '49	5	81
J. F. Wright, 44 hours work on roads in 1848	5	50
Gilbert Parker, work on road in 1848	4	75
Jacob Osgood, services as Committee relative to the road petitioned for by Jonathan Hartwell, *et als*,	7	00
Samuel Fletcher, services as above	17	00
J. W. P. Abbot, services as above	31	13
Cash paid counsel, witnesses, etc.	54	51
Edward Symmes, surveying road on Snake Meadow Hill,	1	00
Horatio Wright, work on road by order of Selectmen	14	25
Solomon Richardson, services as Committee to oppose roads	2	50
Amos Heywood, services as Committee to oppose roads,	2	50
Jedediah Robbins, plank and work on road in 1847	6	51
J. B. Reed, repairing yoke and plow	2	75
Isaac Day, damages for land taken on petition of L. Prescott, *et als*	37	00
Jona. S. Hill, damages for land taken on petition of L. Prescott, *et als*	19	00
Amount carried forward	$487	26

Amount brought forward.....	$487 26
John Osgood, damages for land taken on petition of L. Prescott, *et als*.....	19 00
Timothy P. Wright, work on roads and bridges.....	19 92
B. N. Bradt, repairing yoke and drilling tools.....	1 21
Jona. S. Hill, work on the roads.....	1 25
Josiah Reed, " " " in 1848.....	4 25
E. A. Harwood " " " 1849.....	12 43
J. Chickering, " " " 1849.....	3 00
John Dane, " " " 1848.....	2 50
" " " " " 1849.....	6 98
Stedman Buttrick, County Treasurer, for the road laid out on the petition of Jona. Hartwell,	998 10
Elijah Whiton, surveying a road.....	6 50
Simon Greenleaf, advice relative to the road petitioned for by Jonathan Hartwell.....	15 00
Butler & Farr, on George Proctor's claim for damages..	6 00
N. S. Hamblin, letting out and accepting road near J. Dane's.....	1 00
time and expenses on petition to County Commissioners to discontinue road near J. Leighton's farm.....	2 00
viewing and laying out road on petition of L. Prescott and others.....	2 00
on petition of S. Fletcher, 2d, *et als*.....	2 00
going to Beaver Brook bridge twice.....	1 00
building 95 rods road near J. Dane's.....	42 75
Phineas Chamberlain, letting out and accepting road near J. Dane's.....	1 50
viewing and laying out roads on S. M. hill.....	3 00
accepting Beaver Brook bridge....	1 00
28 lbs. cast steel drills.....	7 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse furnished surveyors,	3 79
Jacob Smith, work on roads.....	2 46
	$1652 90

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Jos. Hildreth, School Committee 1848.....	$15 00
J. B. Willard, School Committee 1849.....	1 87
Leonard Luce, School Committee 1849.....	20 00
Edward Symmes, School Committee 1848.....	15 00
Chas. L. Fletcher, Selectman in 1848.....	5 00
nine days making taxes in 1849.....	9 00
perambulating town line between W. and Acton.....	1 25
Amount carried forward.....	$67 12

Amount brought forward		$67 12
Selectman in 1849		5 00
Levi T. Fletcher, appraising property at Poor House twice		2 00
N. S. Hamblin, making out town report in 1848 to be printed		8 00
12 days taking invoice and making taxes.		14 00
Selectman		5 00
Phineas Chamberlain, irons for a railing		1 50
10½ days taking invoice and making taxes		10 50
perambulating town line between W. and Acton		1 75
Selectman		5 00
J. W. P. Abbot, paid for a bundle		13
Town Clerk		12 01
recording 65 births up to Jan. 1 1849, at 20 cts		13 00
recording 8 births at 5 cts		40
recording 29 deaths at 15 cts		4 35
recording 6 marriages at 10 cts		60
Amos Heywood, collecting taxes		48 87
" poll taxes		1 00
paying County tax		1 50
Samuel C. Tenny, attending funerals up to Nov. 10, '49,		7 15
repairing hearse		75
B. N. Bradt, irons for hearse house		1 89
H. P. Herrick, School Committee, 1848		12 00
finding and painting guide boards		5 92
F. A. Hildreth, printing annual report, 1848		11 50
School District No. 1, use of house for Armory		12 00
First Parish, use of Meeting house		25 00
Merrill & Heywood, printing and binding book		3 50
James Atkinson, paper and printing blanks		5 50
Cyrus Hamlin, repairing hearse house		26 85
G. B. Hildreth, painting the same		6 00
Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer		12 00
going to Concord to pay road bill		1 50
repairing Treasurer's chest		1 00
D. C. Butterfield, entertainments, etc		33 75
T. P. Wright, Collector, abatement of Taxes 1848:		
Thomas J. Wright	1 50	
Gardner S. Mason	1 50	
Charles P. Kidder	1 50	
George Fishburn	1 50	
James Haines	2 81	
Thomas Knowles	1 50	
James Madress	1 50	
Samuel Steel	1 50	
Amounts carried forward	$13 31	$368 03

Amounts brought forward	$13 31	$368 03
Joseph Sanderson	1 50	
John Hutson	1 50	
Jona. Keyes' estate	58	
Timothy McCrate	1 50	
William Stanley	6 44	
Josiah Richardson, Chelmsford	57	
Horace Bean	1 50	
Aaron Badger	1 50	
Francis Bradley	1 50	
Timothy Crowley	1 50	
Alonzo Crandall	1 50	
James Crandall	1 50	
Peter Dufer	1 50	
Alva Gilson	1 50	
John Harbeck	1 50	
Josiah McGaffrey	1 50	
George Reed	1 50	
Solomon Spaulding	1 50	
Amos Hildreth	1 50	
Micah Parmenter	3 26	
Wm. H. T. Nichols	1 50	
	$49 66	49 66
Butterfield & Hildreth, paper		10
S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage, stationery, etc		4 90
Mathew Griffin, abatement of highway tax, 1847		3 53
William Kittredge, underpinning and wharfing up about hearse house		3 00
		$429 22

SCHOOLS.

The Town Treasurer has placed to the credit of the School Districts the following sums:

School District No. 1	$210 55
2	122 55
3	89 55
4	114 55
5	130 55
6	103 55
7	88 55
8	93 55
9	95 55
	$1058 95

MILITARY.

Paid Soldiers	$ 245 50
County Tax	623 94
Amount of taxes committed to Collector	3,783 76
Paid for roads and Bridges	$1,652 90
Incidental expenses	429 22
Schools	1,058 95
Military	245 50
County tax	623 94
Poor	118 28
	$4,128 79

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Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report of the maintenance and support of the Poor from February 7th, 1849, to February 7th, 1850.

Amount of Personal Property at the Poor House, including farming tools, furniture, etc.

As by appraisal of Committee, Feb. 7th, 1849	$1396 76	
" " " " 1850	1366 29	
Difference or loss	$ 30 47	
Amount drawn from the Treasurer		$456 72
Balance in Overseers' hands for 1848		49 13
Received of J. Abbot for S. Dexter		11 14
Received of Stony Brook R. R. Corporation		175 00
Produce sold from the farm.		
1057 lbs. butter		209 52
Pork and lard		41 94
Two cows		60 00
Potatoes		25 95
Hay		30 00
Poultry		20 57
Cranberries		46 25
Calves		45 00
As by Nutting's book in small sums		16 11
		$1,187 33

And have paid out the following sums to wit:

S. Nutting, master for one year ending April 1st, 1849,	$250 00
Wesson & Gary, for grain	63 00
Michael Mickley, for work	10 10
Dunstable, for board of Horace Pike	3 50
Samuel Hoyt, to take care of said Pike three years	20 00
Two pigs	8 50
Michael McClare, for work	4 01
Samuel Buswell, for work	19 25
Malcolm McGilson, for work	20 50
John Daley	3 00
Young stock	64 00
T. P. Wright, blacksmithing	12 01
Thomas Richardson, meal and sawing	26 94
Nichols & Co., goods	14 57
Meat	10 76
By S. Nutting in small sums	66 67
Ephraim Wright, work at poor house	1 35
making coffin for Patty Cummings	2 50
Butterfield & Hildreth, goods	24 83
S. & S. D. Fletcher, goods	71 20
S. Greenleaf, advice about pauper cases	10 00
Albert Leighton, goods furnished in 1848	12 13
City of Boston, for James Kemp	3 50
G. P. Dupee, attendance at court in 1848	1 64
Wm. H. T. Nichols, for boarding P. Nichols and wife	15 00
N. S. Hamblin, Overseer of the Poor	5 00
going to Boston to see about Poor ac't	2 00
going to Beverly to see about Nichols' settlement	4 00
going to Dunstable about Horace Pike	1 50
cash given to a pauper	50
expenses and time in ascertainingabout the settlement of Julia A. Adams	7 25
time and expenses in settling claims with S. B. R. R. Corp'n concerning two Irishmen injured	5 00
Phineas Chamberlain, Overseer of the Poor	5 00
journey to Framingham	3 50
journey to Lincoln	3 00
cash paid E. Richardson's two children	1 50
repairing axes	2 09
Chas. L. Fletcher, Overseer of the Poor	5 00
S. Nutting's note passed to the Town Treasurer	213 50
Cash received of S. B. R. R. Corp'n, paid to the Town Treasurer	175 00
Cash in Overseer's hands to balance	14 54
	$1,187 33

Cash drawn from the Treasurer.....	$456 72
Balance received of Overseers for 1848.....	49 13
	$505 85

RESOURCES.

Balance due from Overseers for 1849.....	$ 14 54	
Due from Commonwealth.....	25 00	
S. Nutting's note in Town Treasury.....	213 50	
Cash of S. B. R. R. Corp'n paid to the Town Treasurer	175 00	
		$428 04
Difference.....		$ 77 81
Outstanding claims estimated at.....		10 00
Difference or loss in appraisal of personal property.....		30 00
		$118 28

Expense of supporting the poor for 1849, excluding the interest of the cost of the farm which has been heretofore estimated at $300.

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Overseers of the Poor of Westford.